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**Cc:** Grier, Tim[Grier.Tim@epa.gov]; Workman, Rosemary[Workman.Rosemary@epa.gov]  
**From:** Irizarry, Gilberto  
**Sent:** Fri 1/10/2014 2:15:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Thanks,

Tito

Sent from my BlackBerry Z10. Please excuse typos.

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**From:** Lee, Eugene  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 9:06 AM  
**To:** Irizarry, Gilberto; Travers, David  
**Cc:** Grier, Tim; Workman, Rosemary  
**Subject:** RE: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

David has been added to the distro list.

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**From:** Irizarry, Gilberto  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 9:02 AM  
**To:** Travers, David  
**Cc:** Grier, Tim; Workman, Rosemary; Lee, Eugene  
**Subject:** Re: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Happy New Year to you as well.

Hmmm... not sure how you got dropped off.

I thought that you would be on by way of the NICT. We'll check and make sure that you are in the distro.

As I am out of the office, Eugene, please check and make the necessary adjustment to the distro.

Thanks,

Tito

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**From:** Travers, David

**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 8:55 AM

**To:** Irizarry, Gilberto

**Cc:** Grier, Tim; Workman, Rosemary

**Subject:** FW: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Hi Tito, Happy New Year to you. Hope all is well. I think I used to be on these notifications but may have dropped off, so if you could add me back on that'd be great. Rosemary, Kevin or I am probably a better contact than our chief of staff, Eric. Thanks—D

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David Travers

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**From:** Bissonette, Eric

**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:45 PM

**To:** Travers, David; Newberry, Debbie; Workman, Rosemary; Tidwell-Shelton, Patricia; Grevatt, Peter; Clark, Becki; Tingley, Kevin

**Subject:** Fw: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Just rec'd a phone call from our EOC watch officer about a large WV chem spill. He forwarded the Spot report on the spill. West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin has issued a state of emergency for nine counties after a chemical leak in Kanawha County Thursday morning.

The state of emergency includes West Virginia American Water customers in Kanawha, Cabell, Boone, Putnam, Lincoln, Logan, Clay, Roane and Jackson counties.

West Virginia American Water says Culloden water customers are the only ones affected by the water ban. No other Cabell County customers are affected.

West Virginia American Water says customers on Queen Shoals PSD, Lincoln PSD, City of Culloden PSD and Reamer Hill are also impacted by the advisory.

WVAW customers are told not to use tap water for drinking, cooking, washing, or bathing. You can use the water for toilets and fire emergencies. Boiling water will not get rid of the chemical.

This is believed to impact 100,000 customers.

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**From:** Eoc, Epahq

**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:40:09 PM

**To:** Bissonette, Eric

**Cc:** Irizarry, Gilberto

**Subject:** FW: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Eric,

As we discussed here is the initial Spot Report generated for the developing situation in WV. We will include you in future Spot Reports as well. Please coordinate as appropriate so that your Office of Water colleagues are aware of this situation as they will very likely be involved in the EPA response first thing tomorrow morning. Thanks for your assistance.

Tim Grier, Watch Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

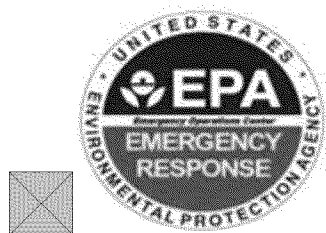
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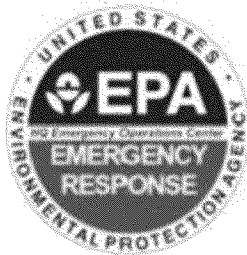
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**From:** Eoc, Epahq  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:31 PM  
**Subject:** EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

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## **EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV**

**US Environmental Protection Agency**

**Report as of 2130 January 9, 2014**

**Overview:** Today there was a chemical spill from the Freedom Industries plant (former Pennzoil Refinery). The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is reportedly used in coal preparation and processing. The spill went into the Elk River sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Governor of WV has declared a state of emergency for at least several counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort was put in place.

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team has been reported to be deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents.

**EPA Actions:** The WV EOC is operational. No request for EPA assistance has been made. An EPA OSC has contacted the WV DEP and offered EPA assistance.

**Media Interest:** High

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/01/09/west-virginia-chemical-spill-gov-declares-emergency/>

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2014/01/09/22245996-west-virginia-chemical-spill-prompts-state-of-emergency-water-ban-in-8-counties](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2014/01/09/22245996-west-virginia-chemical-spill-prompts-state-of-emergency-water-ban-in-8-counties)

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401090044>

**The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.**

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